



GRADE 3

Term 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to all our Year 3 families. Here are some exciting things we will learn about this term.

LITERACY

Students will read and write information reports by understanding how they are organised and the key features they include, such as subheadings, glossaries, and diagrams. They will explore the importance of using topic related vocabulary and how to organise information into paragraphs. Students will then explore a range of poetry, focusing on structure and appropriate word choices. They will practise reading poems aloud, using expression and changes in voice to enhance meaning.

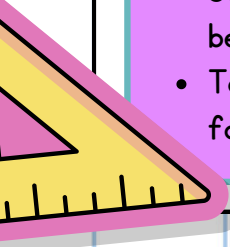

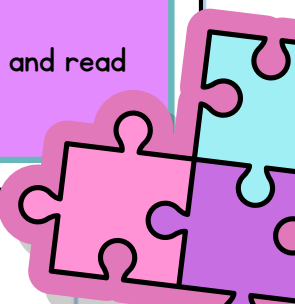
MATHEMATICS

We will begin the term with a unit on additive strategies, where students will develop their understanding of solving number problems efficiently using addition and subtraction. They will then apply these skills to money, learning how to add and subtract amounts and calculate change. Later in the term, students will explore chance and probability by describing possible outcomes, conducting simple experiments, and collecting and interpreting data.

INQUIRY

Our Inquiry for this term is called 'Our Island Home'. Students will build their skills in asking questions, researching, and using maps as they learn about Australia and nearby island countries. They will explore climate zones, food chains and different environments. Students will learn about the symbols, values, and cultures of different island nations.

Reminders

- Swimming lessons will run on a Friday from weeks 2-6. Please label all of your child's belongings.
 - Take home readers - Students are encouraged to change their readers each day and read for 20 minutes each night.
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WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME

LITERACY

Information Reports

Read a range of Informative texts and encourage them to pay attention to key text features like headings, subheadings, labels, graphs, and diagrams. After reading, support them by taking short notes using dot points, sorting information into groups and drawing labelled pictures.

Poetry

Read a range of poetry such as Cinquain, Quatrain and Haiku poems. Encourage them to create their own poems using the correct structure and including topic specific words. Practice reading these in front of others using different voice tone and expression.

MATHEMATICS

Additive Strategies

Practice addition and subtraction in everyday situations, like when shopping. Play maths games that involve adding or taking away numbers. Use visual supports (e.g. number lines or objects) to support thinking. Encourage your child to explain how they worked out their answers.

Money

Make money amounts using various coins/notes. Practice adding and subtracting money problems.

Chance & Probability

Use everyday language such as impossible, unlikely, even chance, likely, and certain when talking about daily situations.

INQUIRY

Look at maps and atlases together, or use online maps to find Australia and nearby island countries. Talk about different foods from island nations and where the ingredients come from. Encourage your child to draw or label maps, food chains, or habitats to show what they have learned.

KEY DATES

First Day of Term

Monday 20th of April

Pupil Free Day

Friday 5th of June

Kings Birthday Public Holiday

Monday 8th of June

Student Led Conferences

Wednesday 24th of June

SPECIALISTS

- Physical Education
- STEM
- Italian
- Performing Arts
- Visual Arts

Students also have access to the school library once a week to borrow a book of their choice.